As regards damage, 57 of the art objects sent abroad to USA, France and USSR have suffered damage in varying degrees. All these art objects have been received back in India. vnce these objects were damaged oaring transportation, responsibility cannot be fixed on anyone.

As regards the art objects sent to Japan most of which are still being exhibited, no report of any]oss or damage has been received so far.

Recaliberation of Fare Meters TSRs/Taxis. In Delhi

, *208. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA;

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

'Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) when the TSR. (three wheeler scooters) and Taxi fares in Delhi were Taised by Government last, stating the amount of hike;

(b) by when the concerned authorities were supposed to distribute the revised fare charts to the TSR and Taxi owners/drivers to check fleecing of passengers and which authority is responsible to ensure compliance of the requirement to display the revised fare charts by the TSR and Taxi drivers;

(c) whether the revised fare charts have been issued to all the TSRs and $Taxi_s$ in the city; if not what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the percentage of TSRs/ Taxis in the city which have got their JWeters recaliber'ated, to incorporate the hike in the fares and what action has been taken by Government to feet the fare meters recaliberated by the remaining TSRs/Taxis in the City?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE! MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RA.TESH PILOT): <a) *to* (d) A Statement is laid on the "Table of the House.

Statement

Delhi Administration have intimaled as follows:—

(a) The fare in respect of TSRs/ Taxis were raised in the Union Territory of Delhi w.e.l 14-1-1988. The raise was approximately 6.25 per cent.

Ob) and (c) The new fare charts were printed within three days and these were distributed to the TSR/ Taxi owners/drivers through DCP (Traffic)/Auto-rickshaw Taxi Unions with the clear instructions that it will be compulsory on the part of the autorickshaw/taxi drivers to prominently display the chart inside, the vehicle. Wide publicity was also given in thfj leading newspapers. The STA and the Traffic Police can take cognisance of non-display of fare charts as non adherence to permit conditions.

(d) After the increase in fares, no Recaliberation of meters has been done. Instead revised fare charts have been issued and distributed in adequate numbers. Recaliberation wil] be dtone after a final decision is taken on a proposa* now under consideration of Delhi Administration to introduce electron'c digital fare meters.

Treating *the* NPA of Doctors as Basic Pay

♦209. SHRIMATT KANAK MUKH-

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMTLY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of the service doctors' agitation, a package was offered to the doctors in which it was promised that the Non-Practising Allowance (NPA^1) would he treated as basic pay 'or all service matters: and

(hi if so, whether NPA is being considered as basic pay for the pur-

poses of eligibility for Government accommodation, House Building Advance, Motor Car Allowance, Leave Travel Concession, Travelling Allowance and other service matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) As per orders issued by the Ministry of Finance, the Non-Practising Allowance will be treated as 'Pay' for all service matters. In other words, the Non-Practising Allowance wili be taken into account for . computing D.A., entitlement of TA/DA and other ' allowances as well as for calculation of retirement benefits.

Cb) The decision to treat NPA.as basic nay for service matters a? hitherto has been referred to the ether Departments in the Government of India for issuing clarificatory orders. wherever applicable in resoect of elie'bilitv for Government accommodation, House Building Advance, Motor Car Allowance and Leave Travel Concession.

Bail accidents

•210. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:

SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of rail accidents and persons killed/injured during the last six months throughout the country;

(b) what is the amount of compensation paid to the injured/legal heirs of the deceased; and

(c) what is the number of pending claims in rerspeqft of deaths in rail accidents and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS 'SHRI MADHAVRAO' SCINDIA): (a) During the period February to July, 1988, ?98 consequential train accidents took place on the Indian Railways. In these ai-cidente, 142. persons lost their lives and 395 sustained injuries.

(b) and Cc) 142 claims in respect Of the deceased are pending. Compensation claims in respect of' the deceased and the injured are awaiting the decisions of the Claims Commissioners. However, ex! gratia pay-/ ments of Rs.. 13,52,700/- were made during this period.

Radio therapy Units in, Medical Colleges and Hospitals

*211. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP, SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleasesl' to, state:whether it is a fact that a numbe- of medical colleges/hospitals in the countf-y have acquired radio,]therapy units; if so, what are .the, name*: of those colleges/instittion^ and the broad nature of equipment installed by each of them; and

(a) what are the names of .other colleges/institutions which are likely to set up such units, by the end of Seventh Five Year P'an period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) The infor-matioa about the Colleges/Institutions tiding radiotherapy units arid the nature of eauroment installed'by them is given in the Annexure.' [See Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No.' *741

(b) According to the information available with the Government'- bf India, lf>0 institutions including Medical Colleges have alreadv jet the Cobalt Therapy Units. Under' th* National Cancer Control Programmf the Government of India gives finan* cial assistance to institutions to s'e* up cphalt therarjv facilities'. It proposed to cover all the recognised